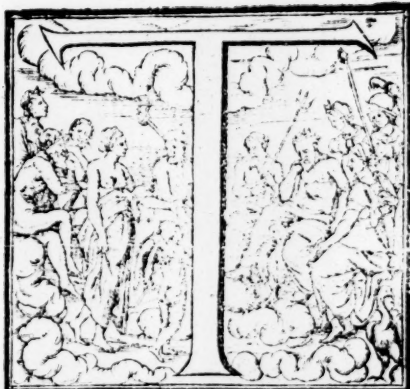


By the Quene



He Quenes Maiestie beyng informed, that in some partes of her Realme, sundrye either ignorant or malicious people do spreade rumours abroad, that the base Testons of foure pence halfpenny should not be currant after the ende of January next: Hath thought meete (lesse the lyke false and sedicious rumours myght be further spread) to do all maner her subiectes to vnderstande, that it hath ben alwayes and so is meant by her Maiestie, that all maner the base monyes, whiche hath ben of late decreed by Proclamacion, sauyng the Testons of twopence farthyng, shoulde continue and be currant still, and so taken and payde from subiecte to subiecte, at theyr values as they be rated by former Proclamacion, and so to continue vntyll the same maye be by her Maiesties subiectes brought to the mynt at London, and there exchaunged for newe sterlyng monyes, with thallowaunce to the byrger, of thre pence in the pounce. wherin suche expedition is made, as in a matter of such a moment, possyble hytherto coulde be, and shalbe nowe from day to day much more.

And as for the peeces of two pence farthyng, it is and was meant and declared in the Proclamacion, that they shoulde be taken as currant monye vntyll the last day of January, that daye beyng the ende of foure monethes from Michaelmas laste. And yet neuerthelesse, because within that tyme it shalbe harde to byrge by and make exchaunge of the same in the mynt with newe monies: Her Maiestie is well pleased, that whosoever shal byrge anye of the same Testons of two pence farthyng after the sayde last day of January to the sayde Mint at London, within the space of thre monethes after, shal haue for the same in newe syluer two pence farthyng: So as her Maiestie meaneth, as much as in her shalbe, to beare herein with the burden of her pooze subiectes. And her pleasure is, that this shoulde be notified to all her loring subiectes: geuyng also straight commaundement, that no maner person do refuse to take in payment any of the sayd base monyes, that is to say: the foure pence halfpenny, the thre halfpence, the thre farthynges, at the values rated by the former Proclamacion, at any tyme hereafter: neither the other base Testons of twopence farthyng at the same rate, vntyll the last day of January. And in anye wyse to cause all persons doyng the contrary, to be senerely punished as obstinate and sedicious.

And further, her Maiestie chargeth all maner of officers and ministers, diligently to see to the attachement and punishment of certayne lewde and sedicious persons, that from towne to towne, and Countrey to Countrey, do cary and spreade sedicious and slanderous tales, importyng to simple people a feare, that Cattell vnmaked shoulde be forfeited: or that all people Chrystened or Maryed, shoulde paye for Chrystenynge and Maryages certayne summes of monye to her Maiestie, with suche lyke bayne and sedicious follyes, neuer meant, nor within the compasse of anye meanyng of her Maiestie or her counsaile. The stave wherof, by speedy and seure punishment, her Maiestie straghtly requireth of all maner of Justiciaries, as they wyl or ought to aunswere to the contrary, & from hence forth to geue order, that as sone as any such lewde tale is vttered, that the reporters therof may be eyther punished with speede, or els produce the aucthours.

Deuen at her hyghnesse Palce at Westminster, the. xiii. day of December,

God saue the Quene.

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